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FM AMEMBASSY GABORONE

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 7421

INFO AMCONSUL JOHANNESBURG

AMEMBASSY MBABANE

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: EFIN, BC

SUBJECT: SODA ASH

REF: A) GABORONE 1690; B) STATE 289420; C) GABORONE 1564

DEPARTMENT PASS OPIC

1. CHARGE CALLED ON SAM PINTZ, SENIOR PLANNING OFFICER, MINISTRY OF MINERAL RESOURCES AND WATER AFFAIRS TO GET HIS READING OF DISCUSSIONS WITH GULF RESOURCES IN HOUSTON LAST MONTH AND HIS APPRECIATION OF THE CURRENT SITUATION REGARDING THE SUA PAN. PINTZ SAID THAT HIS IMPRESSION FROM TWO MEETINGS IN HOUSTON WAS THAT GULF RESOURCES IS SERIOUS IN MOVING AHEAD WITH PLANS TO INVEST IN THE SUA PAN SODA ASH PROJECT.

2. GULF PRESIDENT ROBERT ALLEN MAY COME TO BOTSWANA IN LATTER PART OF JANUARY FOR FIRST-HAND LOOK. PINTZ IS WRITING LETTER TO GULF TO TRY TO CONFIRM THIS POSSIBILITY. IF ALLEN DOES COME, PINTZ SEES HIS VISIT AS BEING MORE GENERAL OBSERVATION THAN AN ATTEMPT TO NEGOTIATE ANY SPECIFICS. HE THINKS ALLEN VISIT WOULD BE OPPORTUNITY FOR SENIOR EXECUTIVE OFFICER TO BECOME FAMILIAR WITH BOTSWANA'S ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL SITUATION AND TO GET TO KNOW POLITICAL LEADERSHIP. IN THIS CONNECTION, HE HOPES THAT PRESIDENT KHAMA WILL HAVE TIME TO SEE ALLEN. HE HAS MENTIONED THIS POSSIBILITY TO THE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT BUT WOULD LIKE THE EMBASSY TO TAKE THE LEAD IN PROPOSING THE

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APPOINTMENT IF ALLEN COMES (FYI: THE EMBASSY WOULD BE

PLEASED TO DO SO AND TO BRIEF AND OTHERWISE ASSIST ALLEN IN  
HIS VISIT).  
THOMSEN

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